SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM (Bihar): Sir, I second the Motion.

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU (Orissa) Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

"That Shri M. M. Jacob be chosen as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha."

SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I second the Motion.

SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH (Nominated): Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

"That Shri S. W. Dhabe be chosen as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha."

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT (Jammu and Kashmir): Sir, I second the Motion.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

"That Shri M. M. Jacob be chosen as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha."

SHRI SULTAN SINGH (Haryana): Sir, I second the Motion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now I shall put the first Motion moved by Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh and duly seconded by Shri N. K. P. Salve to vote.

The question is:

"That Shri M. M. Jacob be chosen as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha."

The motion was adopted.

The motion is carried and I declare that Shri M. M. Jacob has been chosen as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha.

Now I request the Leader on the other side and from the Government to take Mr. Jacob to his official seat.

Now I will invite the Leader of the House and other leaders to offer felicitations.

AN HON. MEMBER: Sir, he has now crossed the floor.

FELICTATIONS TO THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Sir, let me felicitate Shri Jacob to this high office. It is more than a decade that I came in touch with him and since then it has been a story of warm personal friendship for me. Friendliness, I found, is something which is not an art with Mr. Jacob, it is ingrained in him, which flows from inner goodness and it is therefore not something exclusive that I have received from him. But I suppose his friendliness is infectious and anyone who comes in touch with him does respond with the same feeling. But beneath his calm and composure, Sir, there is a personality which has weathered many storms. From the struggle for freedom to this Office, this is a life of commitment, of toil, of perseverence. The fire of freedom translated itself after independence to a dedicated life, a life of service to the people. And, Sir, his endeavours and compass have a very wide spectrum from freedom struggle to youth movement, to co-operative movement, the Bharat Sevak Samaj to writing and representing the country in some of the highest world bodies. And, therefore, we feel assured, Sir, that we have in him a person who is seasoned enough to weather these storms that we raise in this House. And his experience in the co-operative movement will hold him as well as us in good stead when we are at loggerheads. His predecessor used her charm...

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Not only the charm, but much more.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: ... but, Sir, going through the biography of Mr. Jacob I found that he has the experience of being the director of a film society, where he has directed the most charming people. Sir, charm or a-charm, we will always follow his directions.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Mr. Chairman, on behalf of Opposition parties and the Members belonging to Opposition parties I congratulate Mr. Jacob on being elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. It is good that after joining the Rajya Sabha only in July, 1982, the ruling party found in him the quality of becoming the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha and I hope that Mr. Jacob will surely protect the rights and privileges not only of the ruling party but also of the Opposition parties. And it is not merely coincidence or accident that the seat of the Deputy Chairman, when he is not in the Chair, will be with the Opposition. I hope, while on the Chair, he will be equally dispensing justice to both and I assure him of all co-operation from this side as long as the rights and privileges of this side are safe in his hands. Thank you.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Chairman as it was pointed out by our Member, Mr. Ghosh, that our honeymoon is still going on, this was recommended and also supported by Mr. Ghosh. I know Mr. Jacob for the past ten years. Mr. Ghosh has pointed out that he is a member of the ruling party. As a Keralite not only he was a member of the ruling party but he was also a member of the opposition party. He has tasted both—the ruling as well as the opposition parties. He is also one of the great freedom fighters and has represented India in so many world bodies. I have found in him, not a revolutionary quality as usually the Keralites have; I have found in him a person very sophisticate, calm and peaceful and I hope without any discrimination, he will definitely act as the Deputy Chairman as our Chairman acts, and he will take the responsibility of pleasing almost all irrespective of the parties, irrespective of the Treasury Benches or this side and he will see that cooperation from our side will also be forthcoming for carrying out day-to-day transaction. I wish him all success.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (*Karnataka*): Mr. Chairman, most heartily I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of this House and my colleagues here. I congratulate my friend and colleague Shri Jacob on his election to the Deputy Chairmanship of this august body.

Sir, Parliamentary system or Parliamentary democracy is what we make it. It is the spirit which is very important and which should guide our affairs. Sir, it is the right of the ruling party to rule. At the same time, it is the right of the Opposition to oppose the ruling party. The ruling party takes initiative and gives direction to the affairs of the country. The Opposition, Sir, gives meaning, sweetness and light to the deliberations of Parliament and also to the politics of the country. Sir, while I congratulate Mr. Jacob, I would only remind him of his onerous responsibilities as the Deputy Chairman. About one thing, I am very happy, he is from South India. You are also from South India though you belong really to the whole of India. Sir, I am very happy that you are there as the Chairman, he is there as the Deputy Chairman and I am here to congratulate you both. One thing more. My hon. friend, Shri V. P. Singh, in his usual good humour said that Mr. Jacob was associated with directing films.

SHRI K. MOHANAN (Kerala): Not directing films. He is the director of a film.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, I wish, the ruling party had made a generous gesture to us on this side of the House. Instead of a director, you could have had an actress.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Gurupadaswamyji, perhaps, that you can contribute to this side.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: One thing more. I hope and trust Mr. Jacob will hold the balance of justice evenly and show more indulgence to this part of the House while he presides. Thank you, Sir,.

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (मध्य प्रदेश): माननीय सभापति जी, श्री एम० एम० जैकब आज सदन के उपसभापति चुने गये हैं। लेकिन मैं व्यक्तिगत तौर पर उनको सभापति

के रूप में ही जानता हूं क्योंकि मैं जिस सबार्डिनेट लेजिस्लेशन कमेटी का पिछले दो वर्ष से सदस्य हूं उसके वे सभापति हैं और सभापति के नाते वे जितनी शालीनता के साथ और निष्पक्षता के साथ सारी कार्यवाही का संचालन करते हैं उसके कारण जब कल उनका नामांकन पत्र भरा गया, सत्तारूढ़ दल की ओर से, तो मुझे बहुत प्रसन्नता हुई । मुझे और भी प्रसन्नता होती अगर एक ही नामांकन पत्र भरा गया होता । लेकिन दो नामांकन पत्र भर गये, सात इधर से और सात उधर से । इसमें श्री जैकब का कोई दोष नहीं है, सरकार का दोष हैं । मैं इस अवसर पर स्मरण दिलाना चाहूंगा कि आज से कुछ वर्ष पहले ऐसे मामलों पर सलाह-मशविरा जरूर होता था । यह सलाह-मशविरा कभी माना जाता था और कभी कभी नहीं भी माना जाता था । इस सदन में भूतकाल में श्री खोबरागड़े उपसभापति रहे, श्री मुराहरि उपसभापति रहे, श्री राम निवास मिर्धा उपसभापति रहे । ये तीनों उस समय विपक्ष में थे । लेकिन बाद में ऐसे मौके आए कि विपक्ष की बात या विपक्ष के सुझाव को नहीं माना गया । लेकिन मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि उस समय श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी सदन के नेता थे । उन्होंने सब विपक्षी प्रतिनिधियों को बुलाकर सलाह-मशविरा किया था, चर्चा की थी । सहमति नहीं हुई, यह एक अलग बात है । मैंने इस मौके पर यह शिकायत व्यक्त की है । आज सुबह जब संसदीय कार्य मंत्री से बात हुई तो मैंने उनसे यह शिकायत की इस बार यह औपचाकिता भी आवश्यक नहीं समझी गई है, सलाह-मशविरा करना भी जरूरी नहीं समझा गया है । कम से कम हो सकता है, श्री जैकब के नाम से सब लोग सहमत हो जाते, ऐसा हो सकता था, मैं नहीं कह सकता । इसीलिये मैं मानता हूं कि इस अवसर पर इस चीज को व्यक्त कर दूं । उचित तो यही है कि ऐसे मामलों में जहां तक संभव हो, सरकारी दल अपनी जवाबदेही को समझे और विपक्ष से सलाह-मशविरा करके यथासम्भव सर्वसम्मत निर्णय पर पहुंचे । लेकिन मुझे इस बात का खेद है कि इस बार ऐसा नहीं किया गया हैं ।

सभापति जी, मैं स्वयं कुल वर्ष तक सभाध्यक्ष रहा हूं और इस कारण हाउस आफ कामन्स की एक उक्ति मुझे हमेशा याद रहती है । मैं समझता हूं कि सभी जो हमारे प्रिसाइडिंग आफिसर हैं, चाहे वे चेयरमैन हों, डिप्टी चेयरमैन हों, स्पीकर हों या डिप्टी स्पीकर हों वे अगर इस बात को ख्याल में रखें तो निर्णय हमेशा उचित होंगे और वह बात यह है कि इस लोकतन्त्र में संसद या विधान मंडलों में जिस पार्टी का बहुमत होगा उसका निर्णय तो होगा ही और इसलिये उसके अनुकूल हमेशा निर्णय होगा । तो इसमें कहावत यह है कि :

"After all by the aid of its majority, the majority party will always have its way. So the Presiding Officers must ensure that the Opposition, the minority parties, at least have their say."

तो विपक्ष जो है वह कुछ और नहीं अपेक्षा करता सिवाय इसके कि उनकी जो भावनायें हैं, जिस ढंग से वे जनता की भावनायें समझते हैं, उसके उपयोगी ढंग से सदन में उनको व्यक्त करने का पूरा अधिकार मिले, निर्बाध अधिकार मिले, चाहे वह अकेला क्यों न हो लेकिन वे अपनी बात कह सकें और इस बात की गारंटी प्रिसाइडिंग आफिसर ही दे सकता है । मुझे विश्वास है कि श्री जैकब के उपसभापति बनने पर हमको यह अधिकार निश्चित रूप से मिलेगा । मैं अपनी ओर से , अपने दल की ओर से और विपक्ष के सभी साथियों की ओर से उनका बहुत-बहुत अभिनन्दन करता हूं और उनको बधाई देता हूं । मैं उनको विश्वास दिलाता हूं कि मेरा पूरा सहयोग उनके साथ रहेगा ।

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA (Bihar): Sir, I rise to congratulate Mr. Jacob on behalf of myself, other members of my party and my colleagues in the Opposition. It is good that he has been elected. And it does not matter that he has been elected after a contest. I only wish that we also forget that he has been elected after a contest and he also forgets that he has been elected after a contest. And my second wish is that the ruling party...

MR. CHAIRMAN: A nominal contest.

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: A nominal contest, yes, I accept the amendment.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: We did not force a division.

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: This token contest was a sort of protest against the attitude of the ruling party, as Shri Advani described.

Now my second wish is that like our previous Deputy Chairman he too is not shunted to the organisational side before the end of his term.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय सभापति जी, मैं माननीय जेकब जी को उपसभापति चुने जाने पर हार्दिक बधाई देता हू । अच्छा होता यदि नेता सदन, माननीय श्री केसरी जी और श्री एच० के० एल० भगत साहब अपोजीशन के नेताओं से इस संबध में बात कर लेते और टोकन फाइट जो हुई है शायद इससे यह भी न होती । फिर भी एक योग्य व्यक्ति इस स्थान पर चुना गया है यह प्रसन्नता की बात है । मैं माननीय जेकब साहब से केवल एक ही प्रार्थना कर सकता हूं कि जिस पद पर वे चुने गये हैं, सरकार, पक्ष और विपक्ष दोनों के साथ ही वे बहुत निष्पक्षता के साथ व्यवहार करेंगे और पूरी योग्यता के साथ वे अपने नये भारत का संचालन करेंगे, परमेश्वर उन्हें कामयाबी दे ।

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I join my colleagues in congratulating Mr. Jacob on his election as the Deputy Chairman of this House. I also congratulate Mr. Dhabe for agreeing to contest this election knowing the result fully well.

Sir, three reasons prompted us to go in for this "nominal election", as you have called it. One is, we genuinely felt that Mr. Dhabe, a veteran Member of this House, is eminently suited for this post and had he not been on this side, he would perhaps have been there in the election. Secondly, it is a mild protest against the Government's high-handed, cavalier behaviour, because election of Deputy Chairman is not a party affair. He has to conduct the House taking cooperation from all sections of the House. I am very sorry to say that they have treated it as their own party affair. Last time also when Mrs. Heptulla was elected, we had decided on a candidate, but when the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs told us about the selection of the ruling party candidate, we gracefully withdrew our candidate and helped in a unanimous election. We expected that kind of a gesture from the Government this time also but none of them came to meet us. If this is the attitude of the Government that because of their majority they can get anything done, well, it may be possible in the case of Bills, it may be understandable in the case of Bills, but in a matter like this, you will agree with us Sir, that it is not desirable and they are flouting the precedents and conventions. The third reason is, Sir, I wanted to see at least once full attendance in this House. Lately we have been missing many Members and we are forgetting their faces, and I am very happy that all of them are here today.

Sir, I am very happy that a charming and amiable lady has been replaced by an equally charming and amiable person. I wish all success to Mr. Jacob in conducting the business of this House. We assure him full cooperation provided he emulates your example and maintains impartiality. Sir, he has been an active Member of the Treasury Benches, and his elevation is their loss and it should be our gain. Thank you.

SHRI S. W. DHABE (Maharashtra): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I heartily congratulate my colleague, Mr. Jacob. He has been our Chairman in the Parliamentary Committee on Subordinate Legislation and working there for two years I know him very well. Sir, I also am very much thankful to the opposition parties for making me a token candidate in the contest.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are a real candidate.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: "A candidate in a token contest."

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Sir, ours is the largest democracy in Asia and in a democracy parliamentary institutions have to develop conventitons and traditions. By mere rules either this House or the other House cannot work and we can not contribute to the welfare of the country. Free discussion is the very essence of democracy and parliamentary debates, and I am certain that my colleague, Mr. Jacob, will see to it that discussion is free and all points of view are given opportunity to be placed before this House.

I again congratulate him not only on my behalf but also on behalf of the United Association of Members and all the Members who are in our group.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, on behalf of the DMK party and on my own behalf I congratulate Mr. Jacob on his election as Deputy Chairman. Sir, we belong to the Southern part of India and we the Southerners have a feeling that we don't have a fair share in the Union Cabinet. Perhaps we have to content ourselves with dignified positions as Vice-President and Chairman and Deputy Chairman. Sir, I am happy that the consideration that the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman both belong to the same part of the country did not come in his way.

Sir, the honourable Leader of the House referred to charm. I think Mr. Jacob's charm will be his competence. He has served all facts of Kerela life as member of the Coir Board, as member of the Coffee Board, as member of the Rubber Board and also as Chairman of the Plantation Corporation of Kerala. So we belive and hope that he would run the House in a very efficient manner. I, on behalf of my party, offer him all the cooperation Thank you.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO (Jammu and Kashmir): Sir, it is my proud privilege, of all the Members, that a Member from up north-Kashmir is congratulaing a Member from down south. Kashmir to Kanyakumari is the real connotation of my congratulatory message to Mr. Jacob. On behalf of my self and my party—the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference I congratulate him and extend to him full co-operation. I hope and pray that he will look at us, as Mr. Advani has said, with better affection than the ruling party so that we get some time, some opportunity, to air our views because, after all, what will be carried will be the will of the majority party, but our views will be carried through his medium and we hope this tradition will be kept up.

Again I congratulate him on our behalf.

SHRI CHITTA BASU (West Bengal): Sir, I join the Leader of the House and other distinguished colleagues of this august House to extend my felicitations to Shri M.M. Jacob on his being elected to the high office of Deputy Chairman of this august body. Sir, like you, Mr. Jacob is also called upon, on his election to this high office, to preserve, protect and further enrich the privileges, the conventions, the practice of this august House. Sir, we Members belong to this side of the House, called "Opposition", would naturally crave greater indulgence from the person who occupies that high office to ventilate our points of view, to reflect the mood of the people outside this House and also to reflect the hopes and aspirations of the people outside this House. We would expect from Mr. Jacob that the would not be miserly on this account. As you are always granting us an opportunity of expressing our views, he would also not be miserly on that account.

On this occasion, on behalf of myself and on behalf of my party, I extend my congratulations and assure him of all the co-operation he needs in the matter of the conduct of the House. I would only like to remind him that the House consists not only of the Treasury Benches but also the Opposition Benches which add to the grandeur of this House.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Sir, on behalf of myself and my party, it delights me immeasurably to offer the heartiest feliciations to Mr. Jacob on his election as Deputy Chairman. Sir, endowed with very rich qualities of head and heart he is eminently suited for this position. His scholarship is extraoddinary. His qualities of compassion, friendship and warmth are very highly

[Shri N. K. P. Salve]

commendable. But, I think, Sir, he is possessed of one quality which is extremely necessary and which qualifies him to occupy this positioin, and that quality is the quality of inexhaustible patience because one who sits there, you know more than anyone of us, must be willing to take a plenty of nonsense.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: From your side.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: From your side

MR. CHAIRMAN: Including the Members.

SHRI DIPEN GOSH: Thank you, Mr. Salve, for your self-criticism.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your remark is not confined to any part of the House: it is to the whole House.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: In proportion to the strength of the partis, Sir.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Sir, nonsense cannot be our prerogative.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: It is not your only prerogative.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Sir, whoever occupies that esteemed position carries an extremely delicate and sensitive responsibility of maintaining the high traditions and conventions of this House. Virtually, Sir, that means he is the custodian of India's parliamentary democracy, and, therefore, whenever decisions are taken, I have no doubt in my mind that they would be taken with a degree of impartiality and fairness which will always transcend party predilections and affiliations. I wish Mr. Jacob all he best.

I wish the election had not taken place. But it has taken pjlace. Anyway, I am happy. I must congratulate the Opposition that they stopped at the voice vote. Whatever may have happened. We hope that he will receive absolutely unsinted co-operation and support of all sections.

संसदीय कार्य (राज्य सभा) विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : सभापति महोदय, श्री जेकब की निष्पक्षता, न्यायप्रियता और उनकी योग्यता ने ही इस दल की ओर से उनको उम्मीदवार मनोनीत कराया है और वे योग्य ही नहीं हैं इस पद को सुशोभित करने के बल्कि उनके द्वारा निष्पक्ष और न्यायपूर्ण संचालन सदन का होता रहेगा। मेरा यह विश्वास है और यह उम्मीद है कि जहां तक हमारे आडवाणी साहब ने यह आरोप लगाया है कि हम लोग कभी भी इस संबंध में या किसी संबंध में बातें उनके साथ नहीं करते। मुझे खुशी है कि उन्होंने यह आरोप लगाया है, यद्यपि यह प्रत्यक्ष है कि हमारी ओर से हमेशा विपक्ष के साथ बात करने के लिए कटिबद्धता प्रकट की गई है।

अभी कुछ दिन हुए हमारे प्रधान मंत्री ने निमंत्रित भी किया था, मगर उन्होंने... (व्यवधान) मैं बता रहा हूं, इसलिए यह कहना... (व्यवधान) अभी मैंने चुनाव से पूर्व भी निवेदन किया था कि आप अगर विदड्रा कर लें, तो निर्विवाद चुनाव हो जाए, तो आपने कहा... (व्यवधान) मेरी बात सुन लीजिए। मुझे हमेशा खुशी होगी आपसे बात करने में और मुझे विश्वास है कि जो आपने प्रकट की है भावना आगे चल कर के आपको मैं यह मौका तो नहीं दूंगा, मगर आप ही मौका देंगे और हमेशा यह विरोध प्रकट करते रहेंगे।

इसलिए मेरा विश्वास है कि जो आपका आरोप है, वह आरोप निराधार है, निर्मूल है।

तो इन्हीं शब्दों के साथ पुनः मैं जेकब साहब को हार्दिक बधाई देता हूं और हमारा उनको समर्थन हमेशा रहेगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is with very great pleasure and happiness that I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House and leaders of the parties. Shri Jacob brings to bear to this Office a great deal of erudition as well as experience. He is

a Master's degree holder in Political Science. He is a lawyer by qualification. He has studied Sociology in the United States. He represented India in several international conferences and has acquitted himself creditably in all of them. Besides, he is full of human qualities. He is associated with labour movement, the co-operative movement in the Bharat Sevak Samaj and every one of those things which bring to bear a measure of humanism in dealing with people. I, therefore, think that he is eminently qualified to be the Deputy Chairman of this House. I am quite sure that he will acquit himself wonderfully in this House. I will be happy if he outdoes the Chairman.

May I now request Shri Jacob to say a few words.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Mr. Chairman, I am extremely happy and grateful at this moment to all of you. Sir, it was your guidance and management of the House that gave me the strength and courage to be here in this House and participate in a good number of discussions and debates. Now, when I am elected as the Deputy Chairman, I feel that I am losing that opportunity of sitting on the bench and contributing from that side in a different manner, but I am very grateful now to the Leader of the House and the other Members of the Opposition and all our distinguished colleagues who expressed kind words of praise at this moment when I have to take up a very heavy responsibility as the Deputy Chairman of this House.

I wish to pay my homage at this time to the great leader of India, the architect of modern India, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, under whose inspiration I plunged into the political and social activities four decades ago; and ever since, whenever a doubt came to me in my life I look to his writings and books to find the way out because the knowledge of World History, the knowledge of human behaviour and pattern and all that enunciated by the great leader, Jawaharlal Nehru, always gave me strength to solve situations, and to face situations. Sir, I am sorry at this moment that our great leader Shrimati Indira Gandhi is not with us now. But I wish her memory would help us strengthen the unity and integrity of India more than at any time.

Sir, when we are in this House which is the symbol of parliamentary democracy, the people expect important decisions from this House. I only wish that when we participate in our discussions and debates, let us look through the window to see the common man whose sufferings must be reflected and solutions must be sought in the House.

Sir, I am thankful to the Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, and my Party for sponsoring me as a candidate for this election.

Sir, once again, I would like to assure the Members of the Ruling party as well as the Opposition that I would certainly hold the traditions of this august House and the Chair, to be impartial to the best of my ability, to all Members irrespective of different political shades.

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity and also the kind words expressed about me on this occasion. Once again I thank you all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up Papers to be laid on the Table.